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The General Assembly,

Recalling that 2005 marks the sixtieth anniversary of the victory in the Second World War, the war which brought untold sorrow to mankind,

Stressing that this historic victory established the conditions for the creation of the United Nations, designed to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

Calling upon the States Members of the United Nations to unite their efforts in dealing with new challenges and threats, with the United Nations playing the central role, and to make every effort to settle all disputes by peaceful means in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and in such a manner that international peace and security are not endangered,

Underlining the progress made since the end of the Second World War towards reconciliation, international and regional cooperation and the promotion of democratic values, human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular through the United Nations and the establishment of regional organizations and other appropriate frameworks,

1. *Decides*, while recognizing that Member States may have individual days of victory or liberation, to designate 8 and 9 May as days of remembrance and reconciliation, to be observed annually to pay tribute to all who lost their lives during the Second World War;

2. *Invites* all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, non-government organizations and individuals to observe the days of remembrance and reconciliation in an appropriate manner;

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3. *Decides* to hold a special solemn meeting of the General Assembly on 9 May 2005 in commemoration of the sacrifices made during the war;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the present resolution to the attention of all Member States and organizations of the United Nations system and to take measures necessary for its implementation.